

Preflight Inspection Notice

For Travelers From Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. Mainland

All baggage of travelers flying from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland is subject to preflight inspection at the airport by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Be prepared to open and close your own baggage.

USDA restricts or prohibits the movement of certain fruits, vegetables, plants, and other items from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to the mainland to prevent the spread of plant and animal pests and diseases that can be in (or on) plants, animals, fruits, and souvenirs carried by travelers.

If you have agricultural items with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to do so can result in delays and fines of up to \$250.

Items You Can Bring to the Mainland

Banana leaves, plantain leaves

Breadnut

Breadfruit

Citrus leaves, cured and dried

Cocoa beans

Coconuts

Coriander

Eggs

Flowers, fresh-cut or dried

Fruits, fresh—Avocado, banana, breadfruit, papaya, pineapple, plantain, and genips. Citrus fruits are admitted subject to inspection.

Garlic

Ginger roots

Gourds

Herbs, dried or cured (subject to inspection)

Insects, dried or preserved

Meat—beef, pork, and poultry

Medicinal plants, dried or cured (subject to inspection)

Pet birds—For entry requirements, contact State department of agriculture in State of destination.

Plant cuttings (except cactus cuttings from the U.S. Virgin Islands, sugarcane cuttings from Puerto Rico, and cotton and sweet potato cuttings)

Plants without soil (except cactus plants from the U.S. Virgin Islands)

Seashells

Snail shells, if empty and thoroughly cleaned

Seeds, dried

Tamarind bean pods

Vegetables, fresh—beans (shelled), chayote, cucumber, eggplant, gourds, leek, onion, peas, pumpkin, most root crops (free of soil), squash, and pigeon peas out of the pod

Note: Commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted.

Items Not Permitted Into the Mainland

Cactus cuttings or plants from the U.S. Virgin Islands

Cotton and sweet potato cuttings

Sugarcane cuttings from Puerto Rico

Fruits, fresh—All fruits are prohibited except those on the above list (for example, mango, passion fruit, soursop, and *Spondias* spp. [including golden apple] are prohibited).

Insects, live

Plants in soil

Seed cotton and cottonseed

Snails (terrestrial)

Soil

Sugarcane

Sweet potatoes and other vegetables, fresh—All vegetables are prohibited except those on the above list.

Lists are subject to change. For more information, visit the USDA office at the airport or call:

Aguadilla (809)882-3515

Mayaguez (809)831-3322

Ponce (809)841-3135

Roosevelt Roads (809)865-1330

San Juan (809)253-4505/4653/4651

St. Croix (809)778-1696

St. Thomas (809)776-2787



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